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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT EG JO SY LY

SUBJ: RIAD'S NEW MANDATE AS ARAB LEAGUE SYG

1. MAHMUD RIAD'S TERM AS SYG WOULD HAVE EXPIRED NEXT SPRING. ELECTION OF NEW SYG WOULD NORMALLY HAVE BEEN BUSINESS OF NEXT REGULAR ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETIN AT THAT TIME. JORDANIANS HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY PUSHING ABD AL-MUN'IM RIFA'I FOR THE POSITION. SADAT AND FAHMY, WHILE CLEARLY NOT PLEASED WITH RAID'S "TILT" TOWARD SYRIA, WERE GOING TO SUPPORT HIM FOR A SECOND TERM APPARENTLY BECAUSE THE FELT IT WAS LIKELY THAT STRONG NON-EGYPTIAN CANDIDATE (SUCH AS BOUTEFLIKA) MIGHT DEFEAT ANY NEW EGYPTIAN NOMINEE.

2. AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, CAIRO SUMMIT DECIDED REAPPOINT RIAD. SCENARIO WAS APPARENTLY WORKED UP BETWEEN SADAT AND ASAD, WITH HUSAIN'S ACQUIESCENCE. ACCORDING TO UK EMBOFF, WHO SPOKE TO "SOMEONE IN THE ROOM", ASAD SUGGESTED RENEWAL, HUSAIN SUPPORTED MOTION, EXPLAINING HE WOULD NOT PUT FORWARD RIFAT'S NAME, SADAT SAID THAT BECAUSE HE IS BOTH EGYPTIAN AND PRESIDENT OF SUMMIT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO COMMENT, IRAQI OBJECTED VIOLENTLY POINTING OUT DECISION WAS NOT ON AGENDA, LIBYAN FONMIN AL-HUNI SUPPORTED ASAD. THIS WAS "ONLY TIME" THAT  
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AL-HUNI SPOKE DURING ENTIRE SUMMIT CONFERENCE.

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